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## Secretary of State Debra Bowen Announces Results of Randomized Alphabet Drawing For Candidate Order on AD 55 Special Election Ballots

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen's office today held a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order that candidates' names will appear on the December 11, 2007, primary and, if necessary, February 5, 2008, run-off special election ballots in the 55<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. The results of the drawing are as follows:

1. F	8. T	15. Q	22. Y
2. K	9. U	16. H	23. X
3. R	10. C	17. N	24. Z
4. J	11. O	18. P	25. M
5. I	12. E	19. S	26. B
6. A	13. G	20. L	
7 D	14 W	21 V	

This special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by Assemblywoman Laura Richardson who was elected on August 21 to represent the 37<sup>th</sup> congressional district and subsequently resigned from her Assembly seat.

In accordance with Elections Code section 13112(d), the names of candidates on the ballot are arranged by the randomized alphabet, which applies throughout the entire last name of the candidate. If the names of two or more candidates begin with the same letter, their ballot listing order is determined by applying this randomized alphabet to the next letter(s) of their names. If last names of multiple candidates are the same, the randomized alphabet also applies to the first names.

Today's randomized alphabet drawing was held in the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office in compliance with Elections Code section 13112. Staff members pulled the letters in a lottery-style drawing, with witnesses from the media and public present.

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